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1. Glider flying activities and model aircraft construction in the DDR are directly subordinate to the Air Department, Ministry of Transport, headed by (fnu) Ranitz. All workshops engaged in production of gliders and aircraft models are known as "Heinstatten, G.M.B.H."
2. The controlling body is the F.D.J. organization, which has a special department for the purpose, headed by (fnu) Wilpert, with headquarters at 34 Unter den Linden, Berlin. [redacted] Wilpert [redacted] [redacted] has been a glider and aircraft pilot since 1939.
3. The Central Committee of the F.D.J., Rosemannstr., Berlin, in conjunction with glider and model aircraft designers, sponsored a model-aircraft competition which took place on 22 October 1950. The flying of models took place at Trebbin, on the fields of the former Reich's Glider-flying School in the presence of a Soviet major.
4. There were 35 models with spans varying from 80 cm. to 2.20 m. Glider models and rubber and gas-engine models predominated. The gas-engine models were fitted with Kratoch engines - Kratoch 1 and Kratoch 10. One model was fitted with an engine built by the designer himself (Gerhard Winkelmann, Jena) and attained an amazing speed. There were no other particularly new designs.
5. All the models were of conservative design. A glider model achieved the longest time in the air -- five minutes and 15 seconds.

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